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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2002, in the above-identified patent application. Since a Response was first due on August 20, 2002, a Petition for a two-month extension is enclosed herewith. With the two-month extension, the Response is now due on or before October 20, 2002. Since October 20, 2002 falls on a Sunday, this Response is being properly filed on Monday, October 21, 2002. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 19904-001 (BREESE-1).

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**In the Specification:**

On page 1, line 4, please insert the following heading and paragraph:

--CLAIM OF PRIORITY

This application is a 35 U.S.C. 371 national application of PCT/FR97/02412, filed on December 23, 1997. The application also claims priority to French Patent Application FR96/16207.

--TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION--